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1. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC FELL ON APRIL 17, 1975. THE NEW AUTHORITIES NOW REFER TO THEIR COUNTRY AS "DEMOCRATIC CAMBODIA." THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS NO DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CAMBODIA. NO FOREIGN MISSION IN CAMBODIA HAS ASSUMED PROTECTION OF US INTERESTS.

2. PORTIONS OF REF B, WHICH MAY BE USEFUL ARE QUOTED BELOW.

3. BEGIN QUOTE AT PRESENT TIME THERE IS NO PROCEDURE WHICH PERMITS PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS TO FILE CLAIMS AGAINST FROZEN VIETNAMESE OR CAMBODIAN ASSETS. THE FOREIGN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT COMMISSION HAS NO AUTHORITY TO RECEIVE CLAIMS AGAINST THE FROZEN ASSETS BECAUSE CONGRESS HAS NOT PASSED THE NE-
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CESSARY ENABLING LEGISLATION.

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PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS OR COMPANIES MAY WISH TO PUT THEIR NAMES ON RECORD WITH THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, D.C. FYI: WE DO NOT WISH

TO RAISE FALSE HOPES. EVEN IF CLAIMS ARE ADJUDICATED, IT MAY TAKE YEARS BEFORE FUNDS ARE RELEASED FOR PAYMENT, I.E. CUBA AND PRC CLAIMS HAVE NEVER BEEN PAID.

WE WISH TO EMPHASIZE THAT AGENCIES OF THE US GOVERNMENT DO NOT NOW HAVE AUTHORITY TO PAY PRIVATE CLAIMS AGAINST VIETNAM OR CAMBODIA. SUCH CLAIMS ARE PRIMARILY OBLIGATIONS OF THOSE COUNTRIES RATHER THAN OF THE US. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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